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"One Man's Vulgarity is another man's Lyric."
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The 10 Habits of Highly Effective Lawyers - Part I

The Devil's Advocate is a student publication reflecting the opinions and views of the students who care to contribute. Our goal is to provide both humor and commentary on the law school and the people who make it unique. We strive for fairness and honesty in the stories we present. Although we may ruffle some feathers, malevolence is condemned and alternative submissions are encouraged.

It used to be that over the hill jocks, after reaching the pinnacle of their athletic careers, would settle down in some small, mid-western town, acquire a job at their local automobile dealership, and go into semi-retirement by selling cars to salivating sports enthusiasts who once admired their athletic prowess from afar. Today, however, is the age of the self-help book; and by producing these volumes, ex-athletes have found their salvation. Bruce Jenner, for one, after blowing a hoard of endorsement money in the years that followed his Olympic victory, appearance in *You Can't Stop the Music*, and his most memorable performance as a highway patrol officer on NBC's old must-see Thursday night show, CHiPs, has recently contributed a tome to the pantheon of books for the advice-thirsty. And why not? After all, he seems to have turned his life around — just take a look at his late night infomercial — in which he can be seen hawking some sort of kinky exercise device. Despite the fact that his physique has shriveled from its once *Breakfast of Champions* proportions, Bruce enthusiastically pushes his product to an eager public.

Now, not many of you realize it, but the administration at this fine establishment has been offering self-help advice of their own. Although they have not compiled it into any one compendium, its value and worth cannot and should not be overlooked. OK, so they're not in the same league as Bruce Jenner — not one faculty member looks like they can take on a decathlon, nor do they look as if they could perform any more respectably if we were to allow them to combine their efforts — and of course, not one faculty

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Interview With Professor Ronald *"the dog"* Mann

As best recounted by William E. Burris

DA: I suppose we shouldn't break with tradition (this *is* the third interview I've done you know). So why don't you tell us a bit about your background. From which undergraduate institution did you matriculate (big word eh)?

Mann: I attended Rice University in Houston, Texas.

DA: Major?

Mann: History.

DA: What about law school?

Mann: What about it?

DA: Did you attend one?

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Happy Valentines Day
Tucker, Noelle, Tiffany, Noel, Emily, Jen, Amy, Krista, Pete, Schnarr, Staar and the East Side of St. Louis.
-Love, DJ.

To Finley
With your smoking pipe
And your Vader deep voice
The time is ripe
You're the ladies choice.
You're the master of Pac-Man
You're the best at Zaxxon
Let me play with your joystick
Wont you please Mr. Maxson?

To Eddie (My Teddie)
My Creme De La Creme
You are my sunshine
A men of all men
But I know I am one
Of many who hover
Desperate to be the
Mock Trial Guy's Lover
Please file a motion to suppress me
Your greatest admirer.

Dearest Payne
Why won't you play along on the basketball court? Whoops!
-Love Always, Hooper.
p.s. Pretty big for a German guy!

Meredith
Your legs must be tired because you have been running through my mind since Christmas!

Professor McManis
Next time we will perform better, and even Krause will be there.
-Love, The Back Corner. Poli-Sci 4.

Diamond
There are only three words to describe you. Sexy Sexy Sexy.

The One I Still Love
Part of me wishes we could
still be together. So much
has changed though. It hurts
to see you everyday.
We were together for
so long. So often I think of
the good times we shared. My
friends said you were all wrong.
They constantly pointed out
your flaws. They told me that
I needed something new. I
listened. And now we can never
be together again. It hurts
to see you look so lonely.
I will truly miss you, my one
my only...
Mudd Hall.
-One Sad Student.

Jmac
We all know how much you wanted Yoder. Good job taking the roommate instead. Sometimes coming in second isn't that bad.
-The Boys.

To Devil's Advocate:
Where is the laughter?
Your rag sucks!

Apler
The way you fondle your balls drives me crazy.
Your ability to handle the stiff shaft is great.
The way you pull my pole out of the hole drives me wild.
Thanks for playing a round (of golf) with me.
-Love, Pete

Dear Phil
Over the years I have watched you relax.
With a game of Bad Cats, Time Killers and
Part Two of Golden Ax.
Now you are DA kingpin and I'm
still waiting by the phone.
When the lights go out at Filmboard
Will I always sit alone?

Professor Foster
What a feeling in me your presence creates.
When I sit down for a lesson in trusts and estates.
The way you walk and the clothes you wear,
I'd like to take **you** *per stirpes* in the
quiet of you lair.....
WHAT?
YOU GOT MARRIED !!??
No! NO! NOOOO! It cant be!!!
-Dejected in the back row.

To Journal
Where's the BEEF ???
I mean BOOK?
-Q, Friends.

To Seth
I'd love you but you got something on your nose.
-Student who is downwind.

Dear M.W.
You told me you were a stripper. It quickly became obvious that you lied.
It wasn't me you were with.
It was Vic.
-Sincerely, Apple.

Dear Hot Nick
Great Taste, Less Filling.

An Ode to Jinkins
So many vices, where to begin?
How about your habit of vodka and gin?
The Admiral presents trouble galore,
They wont even let you in anymore.
But I'm sure that you can get help yet,
For you certainly qualify for all the twelve steps.
AA, GA, Anonymous you will be
So say "Hi my name is Dave, Somebody stop me!"
-Anonymous

To Yoder - Sweet Yoder
My star up above
I'll give you my love
I'll get rid of to
Tall stately chick
If you get rid of that pretty boy Wick.
-DJ

Dear Professor Brickey
Thank you for teaching me about the statutory rape laws.
-Malcolm

To Daxe - My sweet cuddly toy
You are my Pilsbury Doughboy
I'm happy I can be the girl
Who brings sex back into your world

The drout is over, the famine is through
For my favorite VA. Jew.
-Love Racy Stacy

Preston
Loverboy, what really happened when you walked her to her car?

Dearest Pete
It is said before marriage, you should have one last fling with all your past lovers. Are you going to get to me before or after all your "friends" on the East Side?
-Very Truly M.W.

To Prof. *Appleton*
I'd love to taste *your* fruit,
I don't care what others say,
I think you're quite cute.
I'll share your cigar
I love to dance nude
Meet me at the bar
I'm a well hung dude.
-Chris O.

Prof. Hammer
When are you coming to Kruegers?
-The Elite Eight

N.O.
Why would you date him when there's so many of us who would love to be with you? Hasn't HE gotten enough lucky breaks in life? Why would someone so beautiful go out with such a looser(sic)? Are older men really that much better?
-Your Secret Admireres

(Ed: Maybe older men just spell better)

WALLACE,
On this very day,
I profess my love
To a man whose tolerance
must be sent from above.
From Mad Dog to beer bongs
you always stand tall
Except at King Louie's
when you had a great fall
So Wallace, oh Wallace
just give me a chance
to see one more time
your sexy topless dance.
-- U Know Who

Beautiful Seth
You are the greatest, best, most wonderful, powerful, perfect man. I love, love, love you.
-Love S.A.

An Ode to Rick White
Not long ago on a Saturday Night
You and the boys got into a fight
So you bowed out of Barristers Ball
Without a word, a note or a call.
Still no apology has been spoken to me,
But I'm not one of the chicks from PT's.
Don't think I'll forgive and think it's all funny,
So pay for your ticket boy - SHOW ME THE MONEY!

A Warning to Nicole
Sometimes we rush in, before we know
I'm giving a warning, so you can go
So turn and run, as fast as you can
Because this Jinkins, is a very bad man
He drinks and he gambles
he sits on "Skid Row"
He spends all his winnings
on some East Side ...
He is really bad, and truly quite bold
You're still a young woman
why choose a man so old?
-PHrom, Concerned 3L

To Scat
When you're at home alone with Tucker
Do you love to hold her,
Do you love to . . . Talk to her?
Congratulations on such a great find
Do you like to take her from . . .
school to dinner?

Dear Yoder
Although I'm moving so far away
Inside my heart you will always stay
We've laughed, we've loved, we've played around
I did not know such like could be found
I'm sorry I don't see you each and every night
But I'm East with Jinkins avoiding a fight
In Texas when I'm alone with my hand
I'll dream of you in our fantasy land.
-Like B.W.

To Preston (again)
We saw you start to undress M.W. at the Barristers, when are you going to release the video?

To Preston (this guy is really popular)
Even though you are only half the size of R.W. you are twice the man. Thanks for making all my Barristers dreams really ***come*** true.
-Love M.W.

P.S. As soon as Rick pays me, I'll pay you.

Untitled
I love the dress, I love the pose
I love the fact, your breasts were exposed
I love you eyes, I love your lips
I love following your legs to those luscious hips
I like watching you walk through my bedroom door,
I love you most when you're on all fours.
For you and I, I'm sure are destined
I love you most,
-Your friend Preston

Dear Mirror
Mirror Mirror on the wall, whose the fairest law student of them all?
-B.W.

Dear B.W.
If I've told you once, I've told you twice
and although I continue to try to be nice,
I know you think you look the best
But like all the others, you fail the test
with your questions I am getting bored
Because Ranzi Bivens wins the award
-Mirror

Ode to R.M.
Old Mrs. Hubbard, she went to the cupboard, to fetch her poor dog a bone.
But when she bent over, Ole' Rover took over, and gave her a bone of his own.

Remember the good old days big boy.
-Mann's best friend

Mr. Deprow
Thanks for keeping the secrets of the Pope, Queen, Gettys, Rothchilds, and the Colonel.
-The Pentavery

10 Habits (continued)

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member has had the privilege of appearing on the silver screen with any of the Village People, nor have any been directed by the late great Nancy Davis — but the lessons to be learned from this administration — if one were to consciously adopt them and make them a regular part of their everyday life — are practical and — most importantly of all — well suited to the practice of law and furthering the demeanor of the profession. As one noted ex-Delaware Chief Justice once said: "Don't just avoid impropriety — avoid the appearance of impropriety . . ." Well, it seems that even if the students weren't listening, somebody was.

So, without further introduction, these are 5 of the 10 habits necessary for being an effective attorney:

Habit 1: If you see it — and you want it — take it!

A good attorney understands the power of eminent domain. If you want to climb the ladder

of success from being a measly associate to smoking stogies with the big guns as a senior partner, you've got to grab all the power and opportunities that you can get. Remember: If you don't get what you want, someone else will!

This brings us to the parable of 'the two oak tables.' (All good self-help books have parables):

There were once two oak tables. One oak table was available in a library for all to touch and see. Then one day, a king came along and said, "this oak table is magnificent, I must have it to display in my medieval chamber. I have just built a new castle and need to create a sense of history by recovering this artifact that I had once forgotten. The people will miss it not!"

But the next day the king had a change of heart. "But what if the people do miss it? They might cease to worship me as their king. I do not wish to part with my oak table, but I also do not wish to lose the admiration of those who genuflect to me . . ." At that point, one of the king's subordinates came along — a clever bespeckled fellow who sought to please the king. "King — I have located for you yet another forgotten artifact — a second oak table which is in the possession of one of your scholarly publications. We had sought to rid ourselves of it years ago when we were attempting to conform with the 'modness' of our old castle, but now it is of much value to us and can aid us in establishing the appearance of history in your new digs."

"This is the perfect solution. I shall take this oak table and offer it to the people. Even though I have taken my own oak from their possession, this shall create the appearance of propriety. And if there is anything I want to avoid, it is the appearance of impropriety."

Habit 2: When you make a mistake — ignore it — they might not discover it or figure it out.

Why bring your faults to the forefront? If you make an error, that's their problem. If they're such great lawyers, they'll figure it out.

Hypothetical: Let's say you schedule a finals period to begin during the start of a major religious holiday. Let's say it only affects a percentage of students, so you don't have to worry about *everybody* being affected by your mistake. But, as with all mistakes, it affects a portion of the community large enough to speak up for themselves and point out that this is a holiday that entails travel, observance, etc. If you hold off on telling them, they won't all figure out your mistake. Moreover, when they do, they'll likely be compromising, because they won't want to appear to be too demanding. If you bring up the mistake — let's say on letterhead — other students might think that a mistake has actually occurred.

Habit 3: Create a new image to impress all of the major partners.

People feel more comfortable being around people who remind them of themselves at a younger stage in life. Therefore, if your partners root for the Cubs, you root for the Cubs. If they vote for Perot, you vote for Perot.

Example: One gentleman, when arranging a procession appropriate for the grand occasion of opening a new legal facility, forewent the school's old non-descript image. Noting that *Notre Dame* was known as the *Fighting Irish*, and they were a highly ranked institution, he determined that there was a need to develop an image that would resonate with the local community, the press, and the nation at large. A big fan of James Doohan, this gentleman developed an image that included kilts, bagpipes, and plenty of cellophane tape.

Habit 4: Treat your office with reverence — do not mar the furniture!

Senior partners have sacrificed good solid equity — equity which they could have spent traveling to Europe, or a weekend at the boats — so that you could have furniture dignified enough to impress the clients who want their attorneys to work in offices that resemble those they have seen on TV. Do not destroy the furniture — because when you do so, you are not only destroying your own career, but the noble image of lawyers delicately nourished by a supportive national media.

Hypothetical 2: When deciding between having staplers in your library, or no staplers, which way do you go? Answer: No staplers. Ungrateful law students have this nasty habit of pressing down firmly on the stapler to ensure that

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Interview with Professor Ronald Mann (Continued)

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Mann: Yes.

DA: For the love of God, would you please tell us which one!

Mann: I attended the University of Texas at Austin.

DA: I'm picking up this Texas theme - did you work or take time off between undergrad. and law school?

Mann: I had jobs pretty much every semester while I was in school but I went to school constantly every semester.

DA: O.K. We've established that you spent a great deal of time in class. Indeed, in your words, you attended class constantly. But did you work during the period when you were not in class - however short that may have been?

Mann: At no point was I not in school, but I did work the entire time I was enrolled in class - during the periods I was between classes.

DA: My brain is starting to hurt, let's move to another question - where did you work *after* you finished law school?

Mann: I worked at a judicial clerkship in San Francisco for a year and then I had a judicial clerkship in Washington DC for a year.

DA: (noticing that Prof. Mann is leaning backward with his arms crossed tightly) That's sort of a defensive position - are you cold or nervous? (admittedly, I was feeling a sense of power suddenly)

Mann: Oh no, I have my leg propped-up on a chair under my desk which requires this position so that I can keep my balance. (author's bubble is burst).

DA: How did you come to be at Washington University School of Law - a.k.a. "BUD Hall"?

Mann: I went on the teaching market in . . . whatever year it was . . . I suppose 1993, and I received offers from UCLA and Washington University and decided I would rather be here.

DA: Why teaching though - was it a poor market?

Mann: No, at the time I was working at the Justice Department, and I went to the Justice Department solely with the view of enhancing my ability to get a good teaching job.

DA: But teaching was your goal beginning in law school?

Mann: Yes.

DA: How did you break your leg?

Mann: I feel on the ice in my driveway.

DA: Do you think you could sue anyone for that?

Mann: It's possible I could sue my homeowner's insurance.

DA: So you've given this some consideration?

Mann: I have thought about it, but I think its not worth the effort.

DA: Maybe you could go a different route and claim your shoes were defective - perhaps products liability.

Mann: Yeah, well, I was wearing my Teva™ sandals at the time . . .

DA: Bruno Magli you say?

Mann: No, no, I wouldn't have those shoes.

DA: So you've had them in the past and didn't like them?

Mann: I have never had any Bruno Magli Shoes.

DA: Are you sure?

Mann: Yes, I'm sure.

DA: Really? Because you could tell us and no one would hold it against you - no one admits to reading this column anyway.

DA: How many years have you been at Washington University?

Mann: This is my third year.

DA: And what courses do you teach?

Mann: Real Estate Law, Secured Transactions, Payment Systems, Commercial Transactions, and Advanced Real Estate.

DA: Is that what you most wanted to teach - was it a condition of the deal with Wash. U.?

Mann: It wasn't necessarily something I negotiated for - it was what they needed. At the time, I would have most liked to teach Bankruptcy, and would not have been that interested in teaching Pay-

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The Devil's Staff:

(It seems no one will admit it)

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Miss Mudd?

Do you wax poetic about the past, viewed through rose colored glasses? Do you miss having Mudd to complain about?

The March Devil's Advocate will feature an essay contest with the theme of "Mudd Memories." We are now accepting short essays on that theme, no more than 250 words, from students, faculty, or staff. Many essays will be printed in the DA, and one will be chosen to win First Prize, a secret prize to be chosen by the DA Staff.

All decisions of the judges are final. All entries are subject to publication and editing for length and / or content. Please turn in your entries to the Devil's Advocate mailbox in Room 301 before Spring Break begins.

Nickname Poll Results

Well, we had a whopping 7 responses to the Nickname Poll. Still, if you don't participate in the Democratic Process, you are not allowed to challenge the results. The new, official, nicknames for various parts of the new Law School are: The Building itself will be called **"Bud Hall"** (four votes), the student commons will be called **"The Pit"** (four votes), the outdoor courtyard will be called **"The Yard"** (two votes), the library tower will be called **"The Keep"** (three votes), the Library Reading Room (a write in option) will be called **"The Hall of Justice"** (two votes). There were lots of other good write-in suggestions, but they were each one-of-a-kinds, and therefore not enough of a statistically valid sample on which to base a new nickname.

The Nickname Police will begin issuing tickets for violations of these nicknames within the week. Each violation carries as a penalty a public caning in The Yard by a smiling member of the faculty, including a post-caning, soothing rub-down by Bob, the painter who was drinking coffee in the library yesterday.

Devil of the Month

This issue's Devil of the Month is none other than *Scott Pomerantz.*

Scott is Devil of the Month because of his dedication to the DA (and any other reasons that we couldn't think of at press time).

In addition, we failed to acknowledge our Devil of the Month for the last issue. It was, of course, *Professor Ron Levin.* Professor Levin has been an inspiration to all of us at the DA. In his class he tells glorious stories of the old days of the DA, and through his shining remembrances, we are inspired to make the DA all that it was and can be. Plus, he has a lot of back issues, and that's cool.

Sin & Redemption

So many law students are caught up in their studies, and the ethics classes just don't prepare us for real life moral decisions. I have created a regimen of activities to allow any law student to experience the ultimate extremes of sins and virtues within two days. The following regimen is loosely based on the seven deadly sins and their opposites, with additions from discussions with people in the line at Star Wars on opening night.

DAY ONE - SIN

1:40pm - Wake up (Sloth)

2:20pm - Gorge yourself on all-you-can-eat at a buffet (Gluttony)

3:00 - Head to the Casino Queen (Greed)

4:30 - (For Men - Women will have to find their own plan) Drop in for a visit at the local strip club, getting at least four lap-dances. (Lust)

8:00 - Take a stripper home after she gets off shift, but *believe* she's going with you because she likes you, and not for the money you promised her (Pride)

9:30 - Become angry when she tells you she has to return to her boyfriend, the rock musician (Envy)

10:00 - Follow her to her boyfriend's apartment and hit his car with a crowbar (Wrath)

10:02 - Drive away real quick when he comes out with a baseball bat (Cowardice)

11:00 - Tell your friends you beat him up, and let them treat you to congratulatory drinks (Deceit)

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Do I Have to Sign This?

by Philip Senturia

Well, the progress on the new building is progressing slowly. I'd think the painters wouldn't bother to paint the doors and thresholds until the movers stop bumping into them with tabletops. Oh well, by the time the building is ready for the construction company to stop working on it, it will be time for another paint job anyway.

Do any of you women notice holes in the ceilings of the women's bathroom like we have in the men's? I think they expect vents to go there, I hope they don't forget. That library cat might get into it and then drop down on some unsuspecting law student using the stall.

Now I would like to yell, figuratively, at all you people who read the last Devil's Advocate and didn't return your nickname ballots. It was a pretty pathetic voting. And also, don't any of you have Valentine wishes to send to someone? When I think of all the women who must wander through this school trying to catch my eye, I have to be amazed that I didn't receive one Valentine message. Don't be frightened, ladies.

Well, unfortunately for me, I am pretty happy right now and I don't have any peeves to pet over. That makes this column boring, so I'm going to be cutting it off right after this sentence

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?:?? - Pass out

DAY TWO - VIRTUE

6:40am - Wake up (Industry)

7:20am - Go to all-you-can-eat at Shoney's, but only take one plate (Moderation)

9:00 - Head to the Casino Queen (Hope & Faith)

11:30 - (For Men - Women will have to find their own plan) Drop in for lunch at the local strip club, and only get two lap-dances. (Charity - the day shift doesn't make much money and they have families to support & Chastity & Moderation)

2:00pm - Take a stripper home after she gets off shift but realize it's only for the money (Humility)

4:30 - Understand when she tells you she has to return to her boyfriend, the rock musician (Empathy)

5:00 - Follow her to her scuzzy boyfriend's apartment and hit his car with a crowbar (Valor & Justice)

5:02 - Drive away real quick when he comes out with a baseball bat (Forgiveness & Discretion)

6:00 - Tell your friends you ran away, and let them treat you to sympathy drinks (Honesty & Sacrifice - of dignity)

8:00 - Early to bed (Industry again)

As you can see, this simple program will clearly illustrate the lines between sin and virtue, enabling you to enter the legal profession with a clear ethical standard to follow.

10 Habits (Continued)

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their papers are bound together. What these members of Generation X don't realize is that by doing so, they will inevitably mar the very desktop against which the stapler is resting. Encourage them to use paper clips, or better yet, to reduce their projects to one page or less.

Habit 5: A good lawyer doesn't need coffee to work. A good lawyer also doesn't need to stay hydrated. Keep coffee and liquid refreshments away from your work!

If you need caffeine or liquids to get your work done, you must ask yourself if you are strong enough to withstand the rigors of the profession. If Med. students can work 36 hour shifts without sleeping, surely you can spend a day working completely dehydrated, without the aid of the most highly addictive substance known to man.

Example 2: Again, picture your precious library. If you allow the junkies to consume their caffeine, they'll run wild — energetically grabbing books from shelves and devouring all the knowledge contained within. Let them mellow out — better yet — let them dry out. Working at a slower pace, these students will cause less damage to the furniture and — of course — themselves.

These are the first five habits. If you practice these habits for 21 days, they will become ingrained in your cerebral nether regions — This is crucial. 22 Days from now, you will begin to feel like a lawyer. 23 days from now, you will feel very lightheaded. 24 days from now, you will eliminate Nutrasweet from you diet, and lose that lightheadedness. And, 30 days from now, you will have accrued one more month's interest on your Law Access loans.

The Devil's Advocate welcomes submissions from anyone in the law school community. Submissions may be published anonymously. To

submit, simply leave your piece in Philip Senturia's (3L) Pendaflex™ folder. All submissions may be edited for length or *extremely* bad taste. If you want to be contacted about changes made to your article, however, you must place your name on it.

BOOK REVIEW

I just started reading "The Advocate's Devil" by Alan Dershowitz. I picked it up in hardback for only $4.99 at the sale table at B. Dalton, mostly because of the name.

I am about 100 pages into it at this point, and there are several things I can tell you about it.

First, it reads like an ethics class textbook. As the protagonist suffers ethical dilemma after ethical dilemma, he uses historic legal cases, all of which are much more common to lawyers than he'd have you believe, to gain insight into what he should do. Frankly, I find his complicated dilemmas simple and his simple dilemmas more complicated.

In addition, his protagonist, seemingly a seasoned lawyer, is emotionally unstable as he tries to ignore the mounting evidence of his client's guilt while urging his associates, to whom he proclaims his client's presumed innocence incessantly, to gather more guilty evidence.

All in all, a pretty pedantic first novel, although it does discuss Mike Tyson's case, explaining how he's innocent.

I give it a 5 out of a possible 10.

Interview with Professor Ronald "the dog" Mann (continued)

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ment Systems. But that's actually worked out well because I've written a book about Payment Systems as a result. Moreover, teaching Bankruptcy here would not be that useful because the students seem to really like Barry Schirmer and I think he does a great job from what I can tell, and I probably don't know as much about it as he does given that's what he does everyday as a judge.

DA: Yeah, but his class is at 7:30am

Mann: Yeah, and my class this semester is at 8:00am

DA: (brief pause) Did you ever think about changing that? You might get a few more students in there later in the day.

Mann: (no response)

DA: You mentioned that your Payment Systems book worked out well - does that mean big royalties?

Mann: Absolutely not.

DA: I'm sorry to hear that - I guess that's why you don't wear Bruno Magli shoes huh.

Mann: The book isn't published yet, but I seriously doubt it will bring in any substantial amount of money in royalties. Even Bob Thompson's Corporations casebook is very successful - I think its the 2nd best selling Corporations casebook - and I don't think he gets any substantial amount of money from it even though there is a big market for Corporations casebooks.

DA: I'm surprised to hear that considering the $6 they charge for those things over at the bookstore.

Mann: Yeah, and Little Brown is making a lot of money. I don't know exactly without looking but I think my share per book is less than $1.00

DA: Are you married?

Mann: Absolutely.

DA: Any children?

Mann: No.

DA: Too busy?

Mann: (shows me a picture of himself, spouse, and two beautiful young dogs)

DA: So is that why you like to work at home - so you can play with your dogs?

Mann: Well, Jude comes up here a lot. Jude is my wife's dog. He's an English Setter, extremely intelligent.

DA: So they allow dogs in this building?

Mann: That's a close question.

DA: But you allow dogs in the building?

Mann: Yes, I allow dogs in the building.

DA: So if I brought my dog, you wouldn't give me a hard time.

Mann: No, I wouldn't give you a hard time.

DA: What if my dog bit you?

Mann: I still would not give you a hard time.

DA: Probably because you would have to bite it first eh.

Mann: Dogs don't bite people unless people need to be bitten.

DA: I'll keep that in mind.

Mann: I'm on the dogs side in most dog bite disputes. I think a lot of the trouble people have with dogs is that they bring it on themselves by just being completely intemperate. Dogs are very good to have around, they make people very happy. I like to bring my dog to the office - I'm much more productive when he is here.

DA: So two dogs must keep you busy.

Mann: I had three until last fall when one of them died.

DA: I thought several municipalities in the area only allowed two dogs per household.

Mann: That's one of the reasons I live in Creve Coeur - I knew that when I moved here so I chose Creve Coeur because in Creve Coeur you can have three dogs. You can't have three dogs in Clayton, Uni-

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versity City, or Richmond Heights. I think you can have three dogs in Olivette, Ladue, Frontenac, or Creve Coeur.

DA: But, just between us, who would know?

Mann: Well, probably nobody, but would you invest the money in buying a house knowing that your neighbors would have the legal right to make you give away one of your dogs - if they wanted to hound (no pun intended or noticed) you about it?

DA: Is there a leash law in Creve Coeur?

Mann: Well, I have an invisible electric fence, so I leave them free to run around all day.

DA: Does that hurt?

Mann: My dogs are pretty smart and so they keep clear of the fence usually. But the big dog I have, I've seen him and he shocks himself with impunity and just does not seem to hurt him at all.

DA: So you've watched this occur before:

Mann: I've seen it happen and I'll say "Scotch, you're getting ready to shock yourself."

DA: And that doesn't seem to work eh?

Mann: Well, he will shock himself, then just shake his head a little bit.

DA: So you just watch and get some kind of amusement out of this.

Mann: No, I just don't get there before he stops.

DA: Hmmm, so you bring the dogs here frequently.

Mann: I only bring the small dog, Jude.

DA: That's not very nice - you don't bring the big dog?

Mann: I bring the smart dog.

DA: So which dog is in charge at home - the big dog?

Mann: No, Jude - the small dog.

DA: There you go, size really doesn't matter.

Mann: When we first moved into the house, there was a contest for control for several years between Jude and Laser - Laser is the dead dog.

DA: Sounds like Laser lost.

Mann: Yep.

DA: Do you think maybe there was foul play in the death of Laser?

Mann: No, no. Laser was very rough on Jude when he was a puppy . . .

DA: So maybe there was some type of revenge going on there.

Mann: Laser was just very old and sick.

DA: So how long did you live in Texas?

Mann: (after some thought) 20 - 25 years

DA: I suppose then that you own a cowboy hat.

Mann: No.

DA: So you were never a true Texan then - you were kind of an odd-ball.

Mann: I wouldn't say that - I wear boots to class most of the time.

DA: Yeah, but Bruno Magli boots don't really count.

DA: Well, I can't think of any other issues that students might want to know about you.

Mann: O.K. Do you think that you've asked anything that anyone would want to know about me?

DA: Damn - That's harsh.

DA: You know, I came up here this morning at 8:00am to speak with you and you were gone but your door was open so I waited until 9:00 and you never showed up.

Mann: I teach class from 8:00-9:00am.

DA: But your door was open the entire time.

Mann: I'm an open door kinda guy

DA: But I could have robbed you blind.

Mann: There's nothing in here of any value.

DA: What about those nice horse-head bookends?

Mann: You can take the bookends and it won't break my heart. But if you take the picture of my dog, I'll hunt you down.

Author's Note: (Funny, he didn't mention anything about the picture of his wife).

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Professor Mann loves his dogs so much, its almost illegal.

The Interview Selection Process.

Generally, the DA staff selects an interview candidate simply by begging every professor we can find until someone feels so sorry for us that they agree. However, if ever anyone has recommendations, please let us know who and why. Additionally, it seems appropriate to especially thank Professor Mann for agreeing to today's interview with absolutely no notice. This came about when Professor Levin was unable to meet with our staffer due to time constraints (look for him in the future) and Big Bruce La Pierre decided that he didn't have the guts to speak with us on tape.

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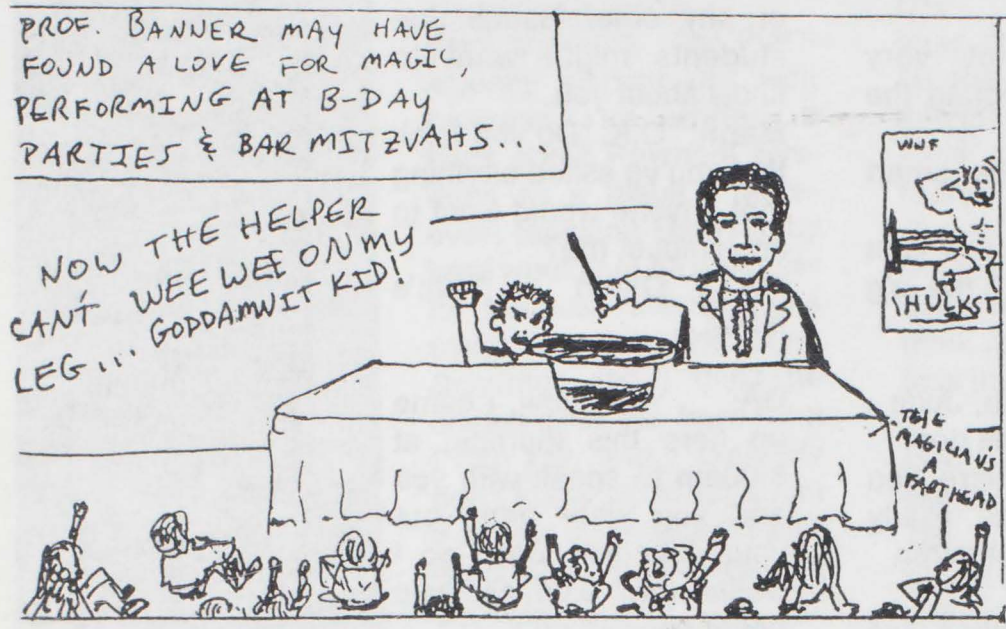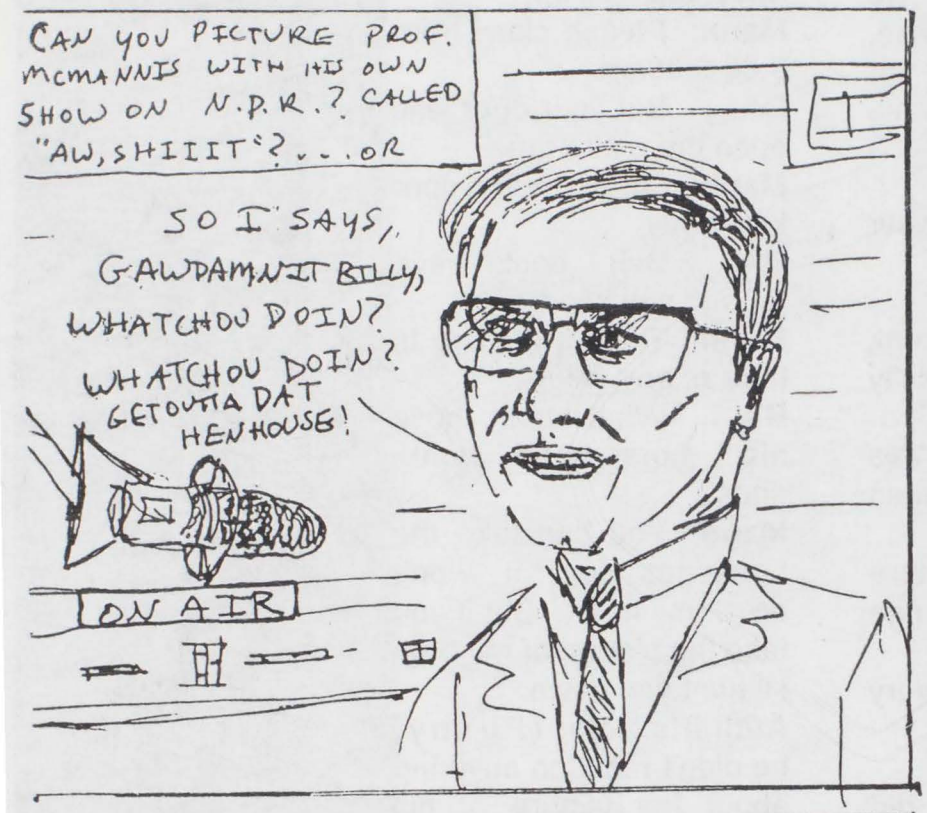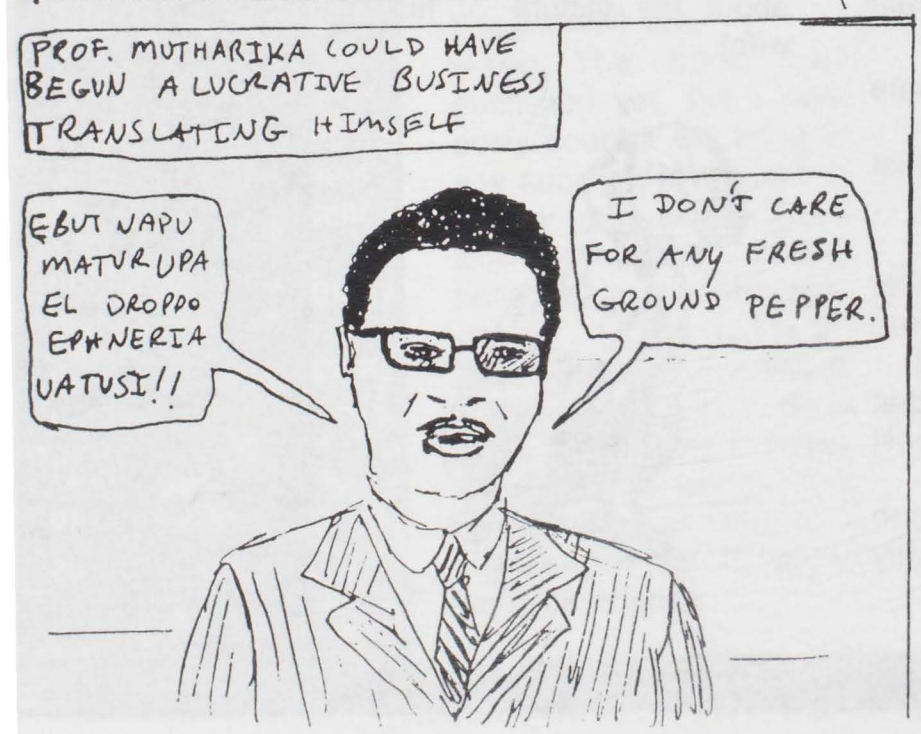
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